

CMHB, Moraine Township Minutes of Board Meeting June 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Secretary Kari Guhl at the Moraine Township Office located at 800 Central Ave, Highland Park.

Motion to allow Chair David Paushter to join the meeting remotely in accordance with the Moraine Township Community Mental Health Board's Remote Attendance Policy

- Member Schwartz moved, seconded by Member Levin. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Secretary Kari Guhl, Members Nora Barquin, Zach Duenow, Allison Levin, Desmond Raftery, and Heather Schwartz.

Also present: Moraine Township Administrator Sanela Abazovic.

Attended remotely via videoconference: Chair David Paushter.

Absent: Member Daniel Yohanna.

Presentation:

- **Second Nurture - Beth McCullough (Affiliate Coordinator), Beth Shabelman (Family Support Specialist) and Nicole Burnside (Mimi's Closet)**
Beth McCullough and Beth Shabelman provided a comprehensive overview of Second Nurture, an organization that supports local foster families including the connection between mental health, foster care and adoption.
Nicole Burnside provided information on Mimi's House, an organization that provides support and resources for those impacted by the child welfare system.

Approval of Minutes:

- Member Schwartz moved, seconded by Member Duenow, the approval of minutes from the regular board meeting of June 9, 2025. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

Approval of Bills:

- None

Financial Reports:

- None

Action Items:

- None

Chair's Remarks:

- Chair Paushter provided an update on the draft Grant Application Guidelines currently being developed.
- Committee designations were reviewed.

Program Updates/Committee Reports:**Website/Navigation: Member Duenow and Secretary Guhl**

- Member Duenow informed the Board that the basic website will be up by the end of next week.
- There was discussion about a more robust website in the future.

Convening: Members Barquin and Raftery

- Developing a heat map that overlays community needs with the current service coverage was discussed.

Governance: Members Yohanna and Levin

- Member Levin updated the Board that the Bylaws are in the final phase of review.

Finance: Chair Paushter and Member Yohanna

- None

Grants: Chair Paushter and Member Barquin

- None

Communication/Outreach: Secretary Guhl and Member Raftery

- Secretary Guhl and Member Raftery shared a sample trifold brochure providing details on the CMHB with the idea of distributing these brochures at various local events. The goal is to introduce the CMHB and the services offered to Moraine Township residents.

Strategic Planning: Members Levin and Schwartz

- Members Schwartz and Levin discussed having a 1-year plan completed by October and a 3-year plan completed by the end of the year.

Old Business:

- There was continued discussion about replacing the 9th Board seat that is currently vacant.
- Member Barquin discussed the potential of contracting with an organization to conduct focus groups. The purpose would be to better understand the mental health, substance use disorders and intellectual or developmental disability needs for Moraine Township residents and identify service gaps, improve services, and gather input on preferred support strategies or interventions.

New Business:

- None

Staff Report:

- None

Adjournment:

Member Raftery moved, seconded by Member Barquin, adjournment of the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kari Guhl

Sanela Abazovic, CMHB Administrator